

DENMARK GERMANY

MEISSNER, Dr. G.

German Press Attache; is a regional leader and has ambitions to be Reich Commissioner; according to Danish sources, he and RENTE-FINK are in an intra-party struggle over the selection of a successor to General LUDKE (q.v.); his candidate is CLAUSEN, the Danish Quisling; if Rente-Fink does not return from Berlin, gangster rule is predicted under Clausen.

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MEISSNER, Dr. G.

Return home of Free Corps on leave after only three months at front was probably intended by subject, and HIMMLER, and radical Nazi SS men, and Danish Nazis, to provoke and breed a crisis, which has now been relieved by their return to the front.

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MEISSNER, G.

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Press Attache; received the direct assignment to Nazify Denmark from Berlin (the Reichsführung SS) and from Luther of the Foreign Office; intentionally opposed the policy of Rente-Fink; several times attempted to get Ministerpraesident Stauning out of office and put Fritz Clausen, the leader of the Danish Nazi Party, into power; was liason man with Clausen; was an SS-Führer from Flensburg.

P/W: connected with the German Embassy in Copenhagen, October 1940-April 1942; believed reliable
IL 9535, 18 April 1945

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Febr. 26, 1952

RADEMACHER, Franz,
SCHMIDT, Paul,
MEISSNER, Gustav,

In dem Prozess gegen den ehemaligen Legationsrat im Auswaertigen Amt, Franz Rademacher, bestaetigte am 25. Febr. der fruhere Pressechef des Auswaertigen Amtes, Paul Schmidt, die Existenz des sogenannten "Wannsee-Protokolls" ueber die "Endloesung der Judenfrage". Rademacher hatte behauptet, dieses Protokoll, das im Jahre 1942 verfasst worden war und im Auswaertigen Amt kursierte, nicht gesehen zu haben. Als naechster Zeuge sagte der fruhere deutsche Presse- und Kulturattache in Kopenhagen, Gustav Meissner, aus, dass die meisten daenischen Juden ihr Leben retten konnten.

Neue Zeitung (Frankfurt)
Febr. 26, 52

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to February 1941

MEISSNER, Dr. G.

Young Nordic / one of those put in charge of American Press in Propaganda Ministry when former head, Dr. WESSMANN, was transferred to F.O. in early 1939 / SS man; he and his pretty wife were fanatic and idealistic Nazis / knew many Englishmen and must have spent good deal of time in certain sections of England / after war broke out, was trained by Waffen SS, not by Army; trained as parachutist for English invasion; would be flown over England on clear days to study layout while renegade Englishmen and Germans served as spotters / no relation to MEISSNER in Chancellory, but if he is the [Lotte] MEISSNER in Copenhagen, must not be underestimated as he would commit any crime for the Nazi cause.

OSS, New York, Sigrid Schultz, January 9, 1943
(Source left Germany in Feb. 1941)

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MEISSNER, G.

Press Attache, Counselor of Legation in Denmark.

USNC, Sup. 57 to Diplomatic List, Washington, 30 September 1943

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MEISSNER, Gustav

Born Aug 26, 10 Kiel. Married; son Rolf-Dieter born Aug 21, 44; Wife in Wehrmacht until May 14, 44. Worked for Hitler Youth Jun 35-Mar 37. HI member no. 3, 199, 455; formerly a member of the SA. Bereichleiter for the North, located at Flensburg, in the Border Office and Foreign Office of the Reichsjugendföhrung; Schriftleiter der Pressedienstes Ostraum and Presseraferant for all ethnic German problems in the Reichsjugendföhrung. Joined Dienstst Ribbentrop Mar 37. Lr May 7, 37 from Reichsjugendföhrung recommends Meissner as always having demonstrated that he was a regular National Socialist and a good comrade. Continued to be an honorary member of the Press and propaganda office of the HI even after he left the Reichsjugendföhrung. Went to Legation Copenhagen as press adviser Sept. 39. LegSak Jun 28, 40; GesRat Apr 15, 42. Called to active duty Waffen SS Apr 15, 44, volunteered. On Visit fo-FO Jul 3, 44 reported that he was unfit for active field serv and might be called to press Div FO, whereupon Bergmann noted that M. should not be assigned to handle Danish affairs if recalled.

NSDAP, May 1, 37; No: 5852277

Untersturmföhrer in Staff of SS Hauptamt.
SS No: 310376

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MEISSNER, Gustav

Born Aug 26, 1910 Kiel. Ev. Married Ilse Schenider Apr 23, 40. NSDAP May 1, 37; No. 5852277. Former editor. Referent in Dienstst. Ribbentrop Apr 1, 37; press advisory Copenhagen Legation Sept 1, 39; Leg Sek Jun 28, 40; GesRat Apr 15, 42; in charge of Cult. Ref Legation Copenhagen Nov 7, 42; FO May 7, 43.

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Former chief of German press and radio censorship in Denmark. By implication it is stated that, while in power, he dealt harshly with the Danes.

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